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Mr. Lester Snow
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow:

As you are aware, the House of Representatives is currently considering budget requests and preparing for the annual appropriations cycle. To assist with the process of determining what proposals are in the best interest of the federal taxpayer and affected local communities, it is necessary to review all information relevant to projects that may receive federal funding.

Equally important is the need to evaluate the performance of those projects that have received previous federal funding and are requesting additional funds from this fiscal year's budget. As a member of the House Resources Committee, an authorizing committee, it is my job to review how all prior federal funds were spent and what, if any, return benefits were provided by those projects. CALFED is such a program that I need further information before making my determination.

I request your assistance in providing my office with information on all CALFED's funds that have been dispersed for ecosystem restoration over the past two years. I would appreciate a copy of your comprehensive program list that includes a budget breakdown of all the projects receiving, received, or have applied to receive future funds. Additionally, please include the following specific information:

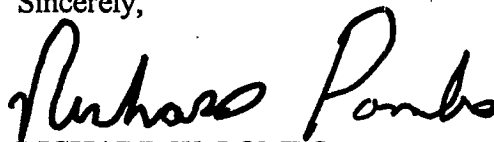
- The funding sources for each project. (i.e. Federal, State, CVPIA, Prop 204, etc.)
- The name of the group responsible for each project, including the awarded funding.
- The current status of each project and whether or not the funds have been dispersed to the entity.
- The monitoring method being used on each project to determine the ecological benefit of a project.

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- The amount of agricultural lands required to be converted in carrying out each project.

Lester, thank you for providing this information before the House Resources Committee's oversight hearing on March 23rd. This information will be vital as Congress reviews the Administration's budget request for CALFED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Pombo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Pombo" clearly distinguishable.

RICHARD W. POMBO
Member of Congress